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Antigua and Barbuda:* draft resolution

Development cooperation with middle-income countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant provisions supporting the development efforts of middle-income countries and their development needs reflected in the outcomes of the United Nations major international conferences and summits, including the Millennium Declaration[1] and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2] as well as the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

Reaffirming its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007, entitled "Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system", in which the Assembly recognized that middle-income countries still face significant challenges in the area of poverty eradication and that efforts to address those challenges should be supported in order to ensure that achievements made to date are sustained, including through support to the effective development of comprehensive cooperation policies,

Underlining the need to address the development needs of middle-income countries, including those contained in the outcomes of the international economic development processes,

Recognizing that middle-income countries still face significant challenges and obstacles that are preventing them from achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the need to strengthen international support of the development efforts of middle-income

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] See resolution 60/1.

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countries, taking into account their economic and social characteristics and circumstances, as well as their specific needs and priorities,

Noting that the categorization of middle-income countries, particularly averages based on criteria such as per capita income, does not always reflect the actual particularities and development needs of those countries,

Taking note of the outcomes of the international conferences on development cooperation with middle-income countries held in Madrid,[3] El Salvador,[4] and Windhoek,[5] and the regional conference on the theme "Increasing the competitiveness of African middle-income countries", held in Cairo,[6]

1. *Underlines* the importance of enhanced international support for middle-income countries to address their development needs;

2. *Acknowledges* the successes and efforts made by middle-income countries to eradicate poverty and implement the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, as well as their significant contribution to global development and the promotion of South-South cooperation;

3. *Recognizes* the solidarity of middle-income countries with other developing countries with a view to supporting their development efforts, including in the context of South-South cooperation;

4. *Underlines* the importance of enhanced international cooperation for middle-income countries in order to contribute to global and regional economic stability;

5. *Invites* the United Nations development system to enhance its support to middle-income countries and to strengthen its coordination and exchange of experiences with other international organizations, international financial institutions and regional organizations in this field;

6. *Acknowledges* the initiative of middle-income countries to hold follow-up conferences and other meetings regarding their development on a yearly basis, and in this regard requests the organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations to support these endeavours;

7. *Decides* that a comprehensive review should be conducted of existing practices of the international cooperation system, including the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, the international financial institutions and other international organizations, including the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, on their development cooperation with middle-income countries, with a view to achieving more effective development cooperation and fostering international support for the development efforts of these countries;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixty-fourth session, including paragraph 6 above;

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[3] A/62/71-E/2007/46.

[4] A/62/483-E/2007/90.

[5] A/C.2/63/3.

[6] Held on 11 and 12 March 2008 to discuss how the World Bank and the African Development Bank can better align their services to the needs of the middle-income countries in Africa.

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Globalization and interdependence", the sub-item entitled "Development cooperation with middle-income countries".